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MEMO FOR CHIEF, CONTACTS DIVISION

SUBJECT: Further Interrogation of Colonel Kuchal

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1. The reference has considerably increased our knowledge of the alleged attempt of Colonel Kuchal to establish contact with partisan groups within the USSR. We are, however, skeptical about some parts of his story, particularly those concerning the apparent ease with which Menitch crossed the Soviet border, and we have been unable as yet to confirm or deny the allegation that GIL Regensburg was informed of the activities of Kuchal on the running of his operation into the USSR. It may well be that Kuchal, who can give us only a second-hand account of Menitch's travels, does not himself possess sufficient information to answer our questions fully. We would appreciate your questioning him further along the lines of the attached brief.

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QUESTIONS FOR COLONEL KUBAL (KUBAL)

1. On what basis were Menitch and Kamenovich selected for the mission of contacting the partisan groups in Belorussia? How did their availability for such a mission come to Kubal's attention?
 2. Why did Menitch contact the priest in Sionistka? What led him to believe that the priest could help him? How had he happened to hear about him? Had he been given pre-mission instructions to contact him?
 3. When Menitch was guided across the border, blindfolded, by the partisans, could he detect any evidence of the fact that he was actually crossing the border?
 4. Did Menitch stop away on the train under the direction of the Partisans? Where did he hide on the trip to Morskograd? How did he enter the train? Where did he leave it? What type of train was he riding (freight or passenger)? Was the train searched on crossing the border?
 5. How did Menitch establish his bona fides with the Partisans in the USSR? Had he been given directions on this before leaving the home of Kamenovich? Had the Partisans been notified of his intended arrival? Had Menitch been active in partisan activities before leaving the USSR?
 6. Where and how did Menitch live while in the Soviet Union? What documents did he obtain or carry? What would have been his story if he had been arrested? Where and how did the Partisans obtain supplies?
 7. By what means did Menitch and Major Kalin cross the border into Poland on their return from the USSR? At what point did they cross the border? What border installations did they encounter?
 8. Did Menitch reach any agreement with the Partisans as to a possible repetition of his mission by himself or by others?
 9. Did Menitch bring with him any verbal messages from the Partisans?
 10. How was Menitch received in Moscow?
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